

REMARKS

Claims 1-37, 39, 41-45, 47, 49, 52, 54-57 and 59-66 presently appear in this case. No claims have yet been examined on the merits. The claims have been subject to a restriction requirement. The official action of March 6, 2003, has now been carefully studied. Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance of all of the claims now present in the case is hereby respectfully urged.

The examiner has required restriction among the following two groups:

Group I, including claims 1-36, 40-44 and 48-66, drawn to therapeutic methods of treatment and the active agents and pharmaceutical compositions used therein; and

Group II, including claims 37-39 and 45-47, drawn to assays for identifying compounds having specified properties.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I without traverse. The claims corresponding to previously-appearing claims 37-39 and 45-47 have been deleted without prejudice toward the continuation of prosecution thereof in a divisional application.

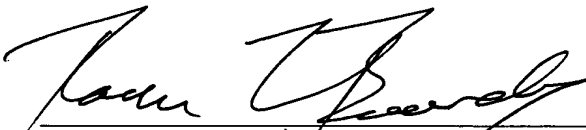
Claims 37, 39, 45 and 47 have now been amended to appear as originally-appearing claims 40, 53, 48 and 58, respectively, in independent form or in a form that does not depend from a claim that has now been deleted. The claims

have otherwise been amended to place them in better form for examination.

Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance of all of the claims presently appearing in this case are, therefore, earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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